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My dear Friend

I preached a sermon yesterday on the Harpers Ferry Tragedy, which I purpose giving again next Sunday evening before the Salem Female A.S. Society, & after that handing to you, if you would like to put it in the "Liberator." It has five points - thoroughly threshed so far - & attempts a statement of the correct view of the case. They are 1. What shall we think of Brown? 2. What of his object? 3. What of the insurrectionary object with which he is charged? 4. What does the event show? 5. What result may be anticipated? I thought I would mention my purpose beforehand. ~~Hence~~ The discourse is written from your stand-point of physical peace & moral

warfare, in which, let me say, I have never had the opportunity to say it before - I heartily concur with you, even though my mind does not clearly see its way through all the questions which this position meets.

If on examination you find the discourse not deserving of publication I will trust your friendship to withhold it, & will thank you therefor. It seemed to me better to mention the matter at this time, than to send you the MS suddenly when perhaps you had other matter already prepared.

With cordial regard

Yours for Liberty

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